

1, of South Carolina. They asked me to ask him this: Instead of using this opportunity to reward Vietnam or to apologize for what he sees as past American wrongs, please, please, please, Mr. President, use this time instead to do something productive and positive and patriotic—help find our missing vets and help bring them home.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of New York) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: We give You thanks, merciful God, for giving us another day.

As the various Members of this people's House return, we ask Your blessing upon each as they resume the responsibilities that await them. Give each the wisdom and good judgment to give credit to the office they have been honored by their constituencies to fill.

Bless the work of all who serve in their various capacities here in the United States Capitol.

Bless as well all who visit the Capitol this day, be they American citizens or visitors or guests of our Nation. May they be inspired by this monument to the noble idea of human freedom and its guarantee by the democratic experiment that is the United States.

God, bless America, and may all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILDEE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

SHERI AND ROGER CHURCH

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, May is National Foster Care Month when we recognize the individuals who help America's children and youth who are in foster care find permanent homes and connections.

In North Carolina, it is hard to match the dedication of Boone residents Sheri and Roger Church, who recently retired as foster parents after 20 years of providing a loving home to children in need.

Since 1994, the Churches have fostered 91 children. They have been recognized on numerous occasions, locally and statewide, for outstanding service to children in foster care.

In 2003, Sheri was given the State's Caring Spirit Award. In 2014, the couple was named Watauga County's Volunteers of the Year by the local Adult Services Coalition.

The Churches have had a lasting impact on their community and on the children who were entrusted to their care. I wish them the very best in their retirement.

FAMILIES OF FLINT ACT

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, the families I represent in Flint, Michigan, are still suffering from an ongoing water crisis that left their water tainted with lead and unsafe to drink.

When Americans face a humanitarian crisis, we come together to act, to provide them help. That has been our tradition. Those are our values, and, in Congress, that is our job.

For too long, the Republican-led House has not allowed a hearing, let alone a vote, on legislation that would provide that basic humanitarian relief to 100,000 people in Flint, Michigan, who still cannot drink their water, who are still suffering from the effect of lead poisoning in their water by acts of its own State government.

The Families of Flint Act, legislation that I introduced, has over 155 cosponsors. This bill at least warrants a hearing. There have been committee hearings on this question. There has been a lot of finger-pointing, a lot of argument, a lot of sympathy from Members of Congress, but no action. Congress needs to do its job.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT OFFICE MANAGER, THE HONORABLE CHAKA FATTAH, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Dolores Ridley, District Office Manager, the Honorable CHAKA FATTAH, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

May 16, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, for testimony in a criminal case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

DOLORES RIDLEY,
District Office Manager.

COMMUNICATION FROM DIRECTOR OF APPROPRIATIONS, THE HONORABLE CHAKA FATTAH, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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MICHELLE ANDERSON LEE,
Director of Appropriations.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 23, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 23, 2016 at 9:19 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 2577.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules